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## Senate votes not to fund minor sports

BY SHAWN TURNER

Staff Writer

•ASI also approves \$2,000 donation for Erhardt Agricultural Bridge project. See page 5.

Two steps have been taken this week toward saving the so-called minor sports for another year — one step forward and a bigger step backward.

The first step came Tuesday night when the ASI Finance Committee approved the allocation of \$20,000 from ASI funds to Instructionally Related Activities to maintain seven minor sports throughout the 1982-83 school year.

Those sports include soccer, water polo, men's volleyball and men's and women's swimming and tennis — the same sports the Athletic Advisory Commission earlier this year considered dropping from the Intercollegiate Athletic Program.

The Finance Committee's approval, however, did not mention where the \$20,000 should come from — either from an ASI budget surplus, from an expected \$45,000 increase in student fees, or from funds already set aside for a proposed Aquatic Center to be built at Lopez Lake.

### Senate rejection

That omission turned out to be part of the approval's downfall, when the Student Senate rejected it Wednesday night.

Instead, the Senate ended nearly three hours of debate on the matter by passing a resolution to support minor sports, but not to give the program any money. The resolution indicated that the money should come from outside sources.

But there were major questions, two of them — where the money should come from, and whether the ASI should be responsible for saving the minor sports.

Charles Dickey, vice chair of the Finance Committee, said Tuesday that his committee's approval should be

deliberately vague, addressing the more pressing issue of whether the ASI will donate the money at all, not from what fund the money would come.

Several senators, though, said some mention of the source of the money would have been helpful in their decision.

The money could come from a budget surplus, or what the ASI officials call prior-year savings. That surplus would come from Poly Royal and a possible Spring Quarter concert in Mustang Stadium.

But ASI Program Manager Steve Adams said the size of the surplus won't be known until September, and it has not been very large in the past.

The funds could also come from the \$45,000 guaranteed from the ASI fee increase.

Or it could come from \$18,000 set aside for the proposed aquatic center. ASI Controller Gail Hannigan said a separate proposal for the remaining \$2,000 would then have to be presented.

### Source not at issue

But several more senators, led by John Schouten from the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources, said the source of funds is not the issue, but whether or not the ASI should put up money each year to save the minor sports.

"The connotation that the minor sports program lives or dies by us (the Senate) is unfair to us," said Schouten.

Schouten said he favored continuing the minor sports program, but not with funds from the ASI, especially amid speculation that the \$20,000 would be donated in addition to funds already given by the ASI to the Athletic Department, which last year was \$49,000.

Schouten then made the resolution not to give the \$20,000 to the minor sports program, which passed by a narrow margin, 11 votes in favor, eight votes opposed and two votes in abstention.



Mustang Daily—Sandy Minor

Several minor sports may have to take the plunge unless they find new sources of funding. The ASI proposed that the money to finance next year's minor sports program come from "outside sources."

## Professors debate merits of teaching creationism

BY SHARYN SEARS

Staff Writer

Two Cal Poly professors discussed the place of the creationism theory in public school systems before a standing room only crowd in Science E-27 Thursday.

Creationism is the most logical, cohesive explanation of the origin of life, according to mechanical engineering Professor Roger Keech. Each species is derived from its respective genetic pool, he said.

Keech has been following the issue of creationism and evolutionism for 12 years.

The evolution theory starts with the

big bang, then progresses from inorganic matter to organic matter and finally to species, according to Keech. The "missing link" premise in the evolution theory is illogical, he said.

However, even if one were to reject the argument for evolution, it would not necessarily prove the creationism theory correct, said Talmage Scriven, philosophy professor.

### Theory doesn't follow

Scriven argued that even if he were to accept the evidence offered by the creationists, the theory based on that evidence does not logically follow.

However, the mechanics of the theory

of evolution are a point of disagreement among evolutionary theorists, Keech argued.

It is because "certain sciences" have felt that they can explain the origin of life that the question of teaching creationism in schools must be addressed, he added.

Scriven disagreed, saying "creationism is bad theory and should be met with offense by scientists and Christians."

Keech countered that the teaching of creationism does have a place in the school system.

"If we're going to teach logic and

reasoning in our schools," Keech said, "then the theory of creationism has a place in education, even public education."

### Creationism flawed

Scriven argued that creationism is guilty of flaws in logical reasoning.

"The creationists are guilty of a fallacy," he said. "To treat the book of Genesis as a scientific account is nothing less than heresy," he added.

The evidence used by creationists to substantiate their theory is widely rejected by the scientific community, Scriven said, adding that if they reject it, "we should be suspicious of it."

## High Court ruling to affect SLO housing

BY MARY KELLY

Staff Writer

Families with children will now be able to compete against students and other single adults for housing in San Luis Obispo, due to a recent California Supreme Court ruling.

The Feb. 8 decision means landlords can no longer restrict children from apartment buildings which were previously for adults only.

Walter Lambert, director of off-campus housing, stated no one will know what effects this decision will have until it is defined in future cases.

"There has always been a question of whether landlords can discriminate against students, children or anyone," said Lambert.

"My personal guess would be that there will not be a definition of the ruling until another case comes up," said Lambert.

"If this new decision is interpreted broadly," Lambert said, "It could open up the housing market."

The ruling could also generate more competition for apartments that now do not allow children, contended Lambert.

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Foothill Hacienda — now a primarily student apartment complex — is just one housing facility that will be affected by a California Supreme Court decision forbidding discrimination against tenants with children.



## Three killed by dog-hating sniper

CHULA VISTA, Calif. (AP) — "The dogs barked constantly and upset him terribly," a neighbor of Alys E. McNair suggested Thursday as a motive for a four-hour sniper attack that left three people dead.

A teargas barrage finally subdued McNair, a 57-year-old man described as disabled by heart problems, but not before sheriff's deputies said he terrorized his mobile home park with sniper fire from two pistols and two rifles.

A decision on what charges will be filed may be made by Friday, said district attorney's spokesman Steve Casey.

Meanwhile, broken glass and bullet holes in cars and homes gave Mountain View Mobile Home Lodge southeast of San Diego the look of a battlefield.

Among the dead was Monique Gerard, 23, who drove into the line of fire and was hit in the chest by a bullet before she realized what was happening.

The first to fall was Cesar Escutia, 36, in whose arms were cradled one of two chihuahua dogs owned by his mother, Gloria DeCastro. Although the dog scurried to safety, Escutia's 62-year-old mother ran to their side and fell dead herself, like Escutia the victim of a bullet in the neck.

## Newsline

### No troops to go to El Salvador

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan said today the administration had "no plans to send American combat troops into action" in El Salvador or anywhere else. He wouldn't discuss U.S. options for action in support of the Salvadoran government.

To tip his hand, Reagan said, would reduce American leverage.

Asked whether there are any circumstances under which he might use U.S. troops, Reagan replied:

"Well, maybe if they (El Salvadoran guerrillas) dropped a bomb on the White House I might get mad."

The Central American nation of El Salvador is under attack by leftist guerrillas and is being aided by military aid and advisers sent by the U.S. government.

## Polish regime attacks Catholics

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Communist Poland's martial law regime stepped up its attack on the Roman Catholic clergy Thursday, and a West German newspaper quoted reliable sources in Warsaw as saying a nationwide roundup of priests is planned.

In its second broadside against the church in two days, Radio Warsaw said that some "lower Catholic clergy" were rekindling "old sources of conflict" such as placing of religious symbols — crosses — in public places, state institutions and schools.

The broadcast accused one priest in northern Poland of appealing to parents to oppose efforts to remove crosses from schools "even if they were fired on in the process."

Another broadcast criticized the church for speaking out against internment of leaders of the independent union Solidarity and said some priests sought to "criticize the policy of the authorities towards extremists."

One Western diplomatic observer who maintains close ties with the church said, "Such criticism is likely to misfire. Why criticize the church now, after being silent for months since it began working in behalf of internees?"

## High Court decision may affect SLO

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If children are allowed in apartments, landlords could require larger deposits, and the return of the deposits could become smaller "because of the kids," Lambert said.

Lambert said the decision could also affect listings for housing. Those landlords that do not want children living in their building simply will not list anymore, he said.

Landlords are not supposed to discriminate against color, sex and now children.

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# Line for Pretenders: students tell why they wait

BY LORI ANDERSON

Review Editor

The tickets sold out in less than four hours and people have been waiting in line for almost two days. Just what is it that makes the Pretenders so popular and why do these people wait in line for up to 40 hours just to be among the first through the door?

A choice seat selection is part of the reason. It has been said that half of rock 'n' roll is the visuals and the stage show; and admittedly the view from the back of the gym isn't the best. But is it worth spending 40 hours in line for a two-hour concert?

At noon, Thursday, the line which began in front of the gym, extended around the corner and past the bus stop.

Most students wait in line with groups, taking shifts which typically last four hours. But some have been dedicated and waited in line for two days, leaving only for class or absolute necessity.

Chuck Waltman, a second year architecture engineering student, holds the prize position of first in line. To be there, Waltman said he and eight of his friends began taking shifts waiting in line at 1:30 a.m. Wednesday.

"We wanted to get reserved seats," Waltman said, but when they were sold out he and his friends had to settle for generals and being first in line.

Waltman said he waited in line almost three hours for the tickets he got. After investing that much time, he is making sure he gets a good seat.

When asked what makes the Pretenders so popular, Waltman simply said "I like their sound." He added that the group was one he could identify with and that Chrissie Hynde was also an attraction.

Fred Cefalu and Scott Ekman are third in line. They started their stake-out for Muir and Sequoia Halls at 7 a.m. Wednesday. Cefalu said it is his appreciation of the group that keeps him in line.

"The Pretenders' whole message is in tune with what's happening at Cal Poly," he said.

Ekman said that the group is "contemporary" and appeals to the "liberal" crowd at Cal Poly.

Cefalu tied this in by saying that the Pretenders are "unique."

"They're not afraid to try new things," he said.



Mustang Daily—Alan Kennedy

It is no mystery achievement why people came at 1:30 Wednesday morning to camp out in front of the Main Gym. They wanted to be the first to get in to hear the sultry voice of Chrissie Hynde and to rock to the music of the Pretenders.

Christine Hart, a freshman speech communication major is behind Cefalu and Ekman in line, camping out with sleeping bag, pillows and homework.

"We just want good seats and this is the only way you can do it," said Hart. "It should be a crazy concert."

Hart said she likes her prestigious position at the front end of the line.

"We like feeling the envy other people have when they walk by and see how close we are," she said.

"When you're waiting in line all night with a bunch of people," she said, "it's like you have something in common."

Nancy Cascell, Linda Luna and Janet Geary are the waiters-in-line for Tenaya Hall's third floor. Luna, a

freshman speech communication major, said waiting in line is a good way to pass the day.

"It's something to do because I hate my classes and it's a good excuse to miss."

For Cascell and Geary, the Pretenders are the reason for waiting in line.

"They put on a good show," said Cascell.

Geary said: "They're fun to dance to."

## Award-winning 'Imagination' to show here Feb. 25



The award-winning multi-media program, "Imagination," will be presented at Cal Poly on Thursday Feb. 25, as a feature of the ASI Speakers Forum.

The 35-minute show utilizes 900 slides and 12 projectors in presenting a unique look at the future through the past. Some slides include a clock depicted by gestures of dancers, rockets, and a child's version of the astronauts landing on the moon, projected next to a shot of the real thing.

William Shatner of "Star Trek" fame narrates the computer-governed slide show to the accompaniment of recording artist Tomita's version of Gustav Holst's "The Planets," a 20th century classical work.

Creator Joe Sohm says "Imagination" is attributed to the power of imagination, an audio-visual kind of poetry aimed at the future.

The show was produced in St. Louis by Chromosohm Media Divisions, and was produced, directed, photographed and engineered by Sohm, with narration and editing by Kay Wickiser.

The musical astrological production is open to the public. Advance tickets are \$2.50 for students and \$3 for the general public. They are available at Cheap Thrills and Boo Boo Records. Tickets bought at the door will cost 50 cents more.

"Imagination" will be shown in Chumash Auditorium Feb. 25 at 8 p.m.

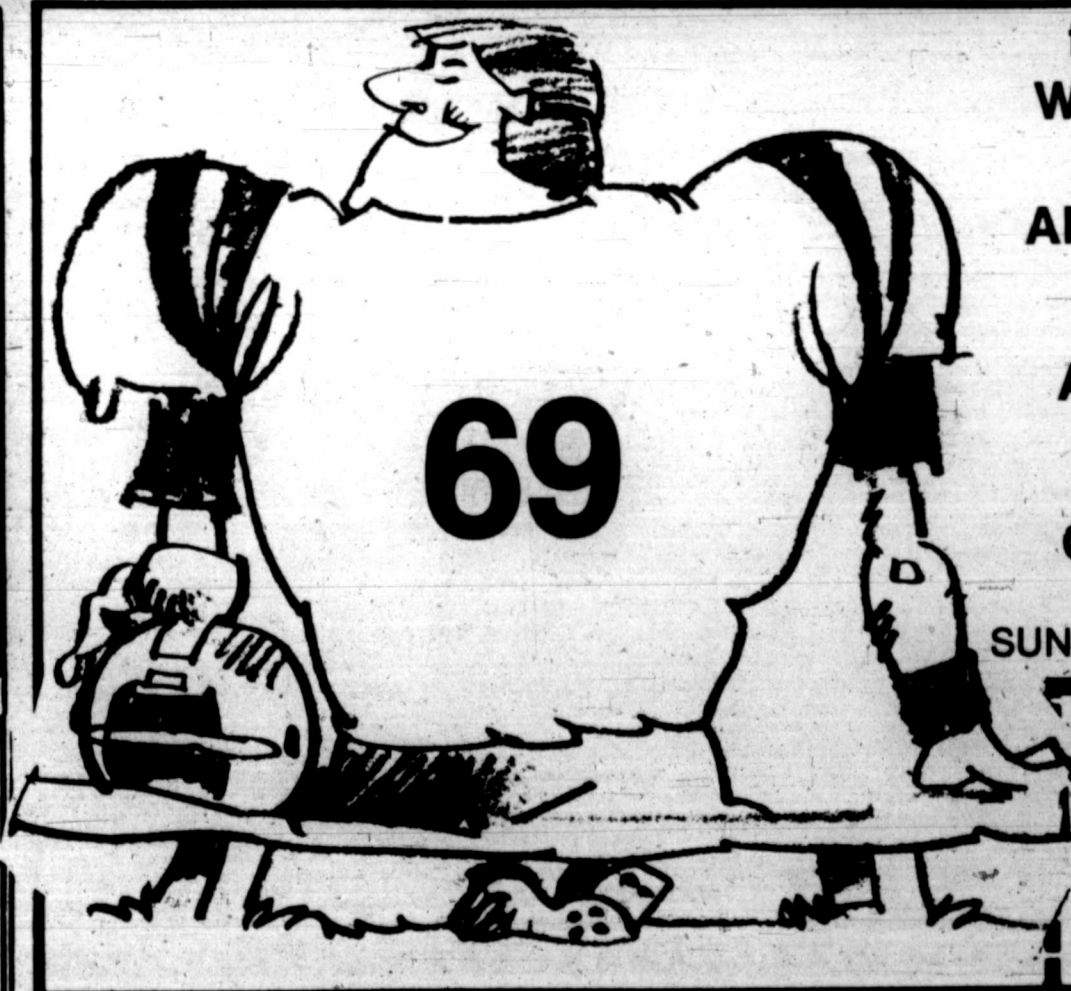
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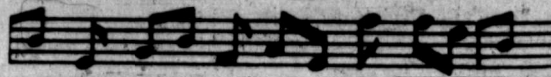


## Women's chorus to perform in Chumash Sunday

The Cal Poly Women's Chorus will present its annual concert on Sunday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m. in the Cal Poly Theatre. Reserved seat tickets for the performance are \$4 for the general public and \$2 for students. Tickets went on sale at the University Union ticket office Feb. 8. Information and reservations can be obtained by calling 546-1421.

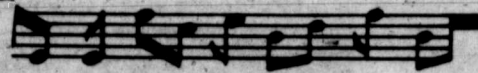
This year's concert, the second in

which the Women's Chorus will be featured, has been titled "Alice in Wonderland." The program will include Persichetti's "Winter Cantata"



with flute and marimba, Debussy's "Salut Printemps," and Irving Fine's "Scenes from 'Alice in Wonderland'."

The Feb. 21 concert is the second presentation of the Cal Poly Choral Season. Remaining concerts in the series are: the Cal Poly Men's Chorus "45th Anniversary Concert" on March 7; the University Singers "12th



Known as the Women's Glee Club since 1959, the name was changed to the Women's Chorus in 1980 upon the arrival of James Dearing at the university as director of choral activities and member of the Music Department faculty. The name change was based on Dearing's desire to advance the image of the group from a non-demanding club function to that of a high standard performance entity.

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# ASI refuses to fund minor sports

BY DEBRA KAYE  
Staff Writer

In a surprise move, the ASI Student Senate voted Wednesday to support minor sports, but refused to fund them. The resolution, which passed by an 11-8 vote, asks the funds be found outside ASI.

The debate centered around two basic approaches to funding the minor sports program — to re-allocate \$18,000 from the Aquatics Center account already set aside, or to commit \$20,000 of next year's ASI budget to them now, perhaps from the \$45,000 surplus next year's increased fees will bring. Strenuous objections were heard to both ideas and their variations; a consensus could not be reached. Resentment against President Warren Baker and the Athletic Department for dropping this issue in ASI's lap was also voiced by a few senators.

Finally, in about the last 15 minutes of debate, Senator John Schouten, of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources, proposed that the resolution support but not fund minor sports. With comparatively little discussion, it was passed 11-8, with two senators abstaining.

In business conducted before the debate, the Senate approved a \$2,000 donation to the Erhardt Agricultural Bridge project. The recommendation was presented in open forum by Dave Ho, chair of the Student Planning Commission, to donate the money from the Campus Improvement Fund. The fund is not an ASI account, but as a trustee of the account, ASI approval was needed. Concern was expressed that there is only \$4,000 in the Campus Improvement fund, but Ho assured the senators that, through a policy that gives the fund 10 percent of all monies raised by ASI groups, the account had a secure future.

The Senate discussed several resolutions including one entitled *Social Activities*, which was co-sponsored by Sue Smith, Science and Math, and Brian Reynolds, Communicative Arts and Humanities. In it, the senators state that social gatherings are "conductive"

to improving communications and that, medically, regular relaxation periods help prevent high blood pressure and ulcers. They recommended that a "special events sub-committee," involving members of all branches of student government, be formed to "promote" social activities.

Cindy Clary, from the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources objected to the special events sub-committee, calling it a "party committee." She added that it would be inappropriate to pass the Smith-Reynolds resolution because other committees need members.

Reynolds defended the special events sub-committee idea, saying it would function through the years as a unified body instead of relying on regular, informal gatherings. The committee proposal was passed by a 13-10 vote after it was reduced from a resolution to a motion.

The Senate also supported a motion to oppose the university's \$8 commencement fee, though it postponed a vote for two weeks. The Senate claimed that the fee "violates the historical, traditional, and symbolic view of commencement from a university." The body also protested the fact that there was no student input in the decision and that it received little discussion.

Senator Randy Reynoso, also a representative on the General Education and Breadth Committee, recommended that students also be represented on its sub-committees for more input and because he does not feel his vote counts for much on only final decisions. A "straw" vote showed that the Senate supported this idea, and would go back to their school councils to ask for volunteers.



Mustang Daily—David Middlecamp

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# Poly closes home slate with Pomona, Riverside

The Cal Poly men's basketball team closes out its regular season home schedule tonight and Saturday night in two games that could make or break the Mustangs' season.

Having already won 20 games the Mustangs are tied for first with Cal State Bakersfield in the California Collegiate Athletic Association with only three games on their schedule yet to be played. However, if the Mustangs are upset by Cal Poly Pomona and UC Riverside this weekend they can not only kiss their chances for a second straight CCAA championship goodbye, but also their hopes for a NCAA playoff bid. Both games are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the Main Gym.

Poly and Bakersfield, both 8-3 in conference play and ranked seventh and 10th (Division II) in the nation respectively, will square off in the regular season finale Thursday in Bakersfield in a game that could very well decide the conference championship.

Asked if there was a chance the Mustangs might be looking beyond Pomona and Riverside and looking towards their showdown with Bakersfield, Poly coach Ernie Wheeler replied: "The team understands that we have to take one game at a time and if we don't play well this weekend we can forget about Bakersfield."

The Mustangs defeated both Pomona and Riverside on the road in the opening

weekend of conference play in what Wheeler described as "two very difficult games."

In probably their most bruising game of the season the Mustangs beat the Highlanders of Riverside, 37-32, after trailing at halftime. The following night Poly totally outplayed Pomona, jumping out to a 20-point lead in the first half and winning 75-58.

But the Highlanders and Broncos have improved as the season progressed and were the first teams to put previous conference leader and nationally ranked Cal State Northridge into their current tailspin.

The Highlanders are led by former Mustang starter and Morro Bay local Dave McCracken, while the Broncos balance their scoring among Kenny Holmes, John Hobus and Aubrey Overby.

For Mustang fans this could be the last chance to see Poly seniors Kevin Lucas, Mike Burris and Rick Yurk in the Mustangs' home court whites. There is a chance, however, that if Poly makes it into the playoffs the Mustangs could end up hosting regional play.

Lucas, CCAA Player-of-the-Week for the second straight time last week, became the conference's leading scorer with a 25-point performance against Cal State Los Angeles and a 36-point game against Northridge last weekend. The 6-4 senior forward is averaging 22.2 points a game.

# Sports

## Netters blanked by CSB

The Cal Poly women's tennis team will be trying to improve on its last performance against Cal State Bakersfield when they host Cal State Los Angeles Monday in their third straight California Collegiate Athletic Association match. The match is slated for 2 p.m. on the Poly courts.

In the Bakersfield match last Thursday the women were shutout, 9-0, despite playing what coach Orin Yeast termed "super tennis."

"They knew Cal State Bakersfield was ranked No. 1 or No. 2 in our conference, so they put out an all-out effort to play their best," Yeast said. "Their objective was to make CSB beat them and in doing so they all played 110 percent."

To put it lightly, Yeast was impressed with the Roadrunners' talent. "It was good experience for them (the Mustangs) to play a team of CSB's caliber. CSB has tons of talent and lots of depth in their line up."

The Roadrunners' talent was so overwhelming that none of the matches lasted more than two games with Bakersfield sweeping all seven singles and all three doubles matches.

Poly's No. 5 singles player, Mary Patridge fared the best against the Roadrunners, losing to Cari Garfield 6-4, 6-2.

In doubles competition, no Mustang team won more than two games in any one set.

The Mustangs are now 1-1 on the season.

## Women kickers shutout two

It was a shutout weekend for the Cal Poly Women's Soccer Club who traveled south on Sunday and defeated UCLA, 1-0, and Occidental College, 5-0, on Monday.

The club pulled off their one-point victory over UCLA when Katey Kennedy deflected a pass from Judy King intended for Margaret Kine into the Bruin net for the lone score. The goal came with only two minutes remaining on the game clock.

It was target practice for Poly against Occidental as five kickers came away with goals: Nancy Wilson, Torri Burrows, DeeDee Smith, Colleen Kemby and Kennedy.

"The defense played great," Kennedy said. "Goalies Nancy McGoldrick and Jackie Pagluica did well in keeping the net clean."

The club is now 2-0-1 on the season and will travel to UC Santa Barbara on Sunday for a 2 p.m. game. The women will be sponsoring a car wash on Saturday at the Chevron station on California and Taft — all proceeds will benefit the club.

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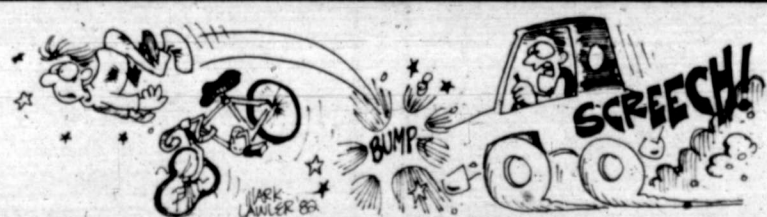
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## The Last Word:

### Denying a basic right

It's unconscionable, irresponsible, but very Ronnie-like.

"It" is President Ronald Reagan's plan to include college financial aid in his arsenal of domestic spending cuts that include such disposable items as Medicare, aid to handicapped, and child nutrition.

The cuts affecting higher education are enormous: more than \$1.5 billion from campus-based aid such as Pell Grants that now total \$3.3 billion; elimination of the entire \$276 million Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants which will affect 615,000 students; \$800 million from guaranteed student loans; and \$178 million from National Direct Student Loans affecting 266,000 students.

Reagan apparently thinks higher education can muddle along without any federal aid. This is strange because every president in recent history, from Eisenhower to Carter, made special attempts to make a college education available to everybody.

Reagan's thinking is reflected by his Budget Director David Stockman, who glibly stated, "It seems to me that if people want to go to college bad enough, then there is opportunity and responsibility on their part to finance their way through the best they can."

What Reagan and Stockman are blinding their eyes to is the fact that many students — despite using their savings, being helped by parents and working during school and during the summer — are still unable to fully meet the financial costs of college.

Financial aid is the sole reason many students are even able to attend college. It is often the open door to higher education. What Reagan is doing is effectively slamming that door in students'

faces.

If such basic financial aid programs as Pell Grants, Guaranteed or National Direct Loans or Work Study are either eliminated or severely cut, there will be many students who are eager to further their education but can't because there are not enough alternatives such as scholarships to mitigate the effects of massive financial aid cuts.

Reagan and Stockman could easily be accused of elitism. How many minority or lower-income students can no longer go to college starting in fall of 1983 is now in question. Will it only be the students whose parents can afford it who will send their children to school? What will happen to those who can't? (Does Reagan even give a damn?)

Cal Poly Director of Financial Aid Lawrence Wolf estimated that there could be a reduction of students receiving aid at Poly from 3,000 to 1,600. This is almost half. It is, in his own words, "devastating."

This plan of Reagan's must not be allowed to pass Congress in its present form. Wanting to save money is one thing. Denying people the basic right to education is another. Perhaps Reagan thinks bombs and missiles are more important than people's minds.

There are different ways Reagan's plan can be fought. One way is to write your congressman protesting the cuts. Another is to call the White House comment office that is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (202) 456-7639.

I am fervently in favor of financial aid for college students. I wouldn't be here without it.

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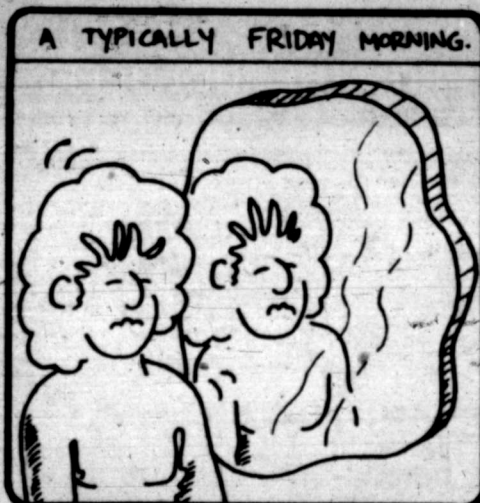
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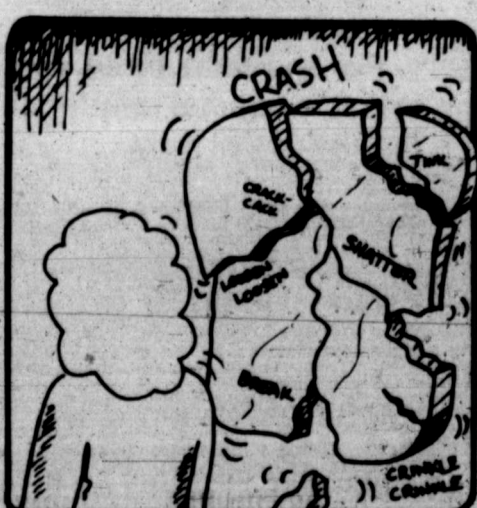
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Neil Anderthal



By Manuel Luz



## Letters

### Assassin: a harmless activity

Editor:

This article has been written to protest the recent negative publicity given to the game "Assassin." Since the shooting of a student who was involved in the game, journalists, politicians and administrators have focused attention on the dangers of the activity and have blown these out of proportion. It has recently been called terrorist, sadistic, bizarre and everything short of a communist plot. One would believe that this game will undermine the moral fabric of our society. As a result of the negative publicity and his own convictions, Dean of Students Russell Brown has forbidden dorm residents from playing any form of "Assassin."

Much of the publicity has been either inaccurate or biased. In the first of two articles which have appeared in the Mustang Daily, four of the five people whose statements were used were either misquoted or quoted out of context. Chris Heinsen, the only source quoted who had a positive statement to make about the game, was made to look like a gun freak because of the way in which he was misquoted. The author of the second article obviously does not understand the game based on her explanation of the concept. These biased, inaccurate presentations would best be confined to the opinion page in the interest of "professional" journalism.

To set things straight, the assassin game can be dangerous when played with toy weapons, but it can also be implemented in a safe manner. The student who was shot had pointed a toy M-16 at a policeman. A logical reaction to this incident was to outlaw the use of toy weapons in the game. However, it is unjustifiable to outlaw all forms of "Assassin" as Dean Brown has here at Poly. We have played the game in the

past in Sierra Madre Tower 5 using stickers rather than anything which could be misconstrued as a weapon. By using harmless stickers and by placing certain restrictions on the game, we enjoyed a very fun, safe, nonviolent and nondestructive version of the game. There was nearly full participation and it turned out to be a great dorm community builder as residents met new people and discussed the status of the competition.

Still, however, there are some who would argue that because the game involves the concept of "assassinating" people, the participants are glorifying murder and encouraging violent behavior. We were shocked and dismayed to hear that anyone would believe that intelligent, mature college students would fantasize about actually killing their peers or that they could confuse a game with reality. Simulation of killing and war such as practiced by the army when they are on maneuvers is much different than games such as "Asteroids," "Risk," "Chess" and "Assassin," which are far removed from reality. These games are harmless activities that create an arena for competition, fun and challenge. Actually, the assassin game could be called "Sticker Tag" and nobody would object to it. It is wrong to object to a responsibly implemented, safe version of the game just because it is called "Assassin."

Doug Harr  
Resident Advisor  
Sierra Madre Tower 5

### No piece

Editor:

John Lennon once said, "Give peace a chance." Well if he had a piece, he might have had a chance.

Allen Cotter

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